

and support the constitution of the United States and the several amendments thereto, including the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments ; and that you will neither directly or indirectly evade or disregard the duties enjoined nor the restrictions imposed upon the Convention by the act of the General Assembly authorizing your election. So help you God."

And no delegate shall be permitted to sit or be entitled to a seat in said Convention, or act as a delegate thereto, until he shall have subscribed the above oath or affirmation ; and as soon as a majority of the delegates elect shall have thus appeared and been sworn in, they shall then proceed to elect their own presiding officer and such other officers and servants as they, from time to time, shall find necessary ; and if a vacancy shall occur, the same shall be filled in the same manner as the like vacancies are filled by law in the case of vacancies in the General Assembly. Said Convention shall have no power to consider, debate, adopt, or propose any amendment to the existing constitution or ordinance upon the following subjects :

*The Homestead and Personal Property Exemptions,* Restrictions.  
the mechanics' and laborers' lien, and rights of married women, as now secured by law, nor to alter or amend section three or five, article five, of said constitution, nor change the ratio between the poll and property tax as therein established ; nor shall the said Convention have power to propose or adopt any amendment or ordinance vacating any office or term of office now existing and filled or held by virtue of any election or appointment under the existing constitution and laws, until the same shall be vacated or expire under existing laws ; but the said Convention may recommend the abolishment of any office when the present term therein shall expire or vacancies occur, and they may provide for filling such vacancies, otherwise than as now, and limiting the terms thereof. Nor shall said Convention adopt or propose any plan or amendment or scheme of compensation to the owners of emancipated slaves, nor for the